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TO: Area Agencies on Aging and Senior Centers

FROM: Karen E. Gottovi *Karen E. Gottovi*

DATE: July 25, 2003

RE: State Appropriation for Senior Centers Through 2003-04 General Assembly Session

As you know due to the recession and other factors, North Carolina is continuing to face another year of budget shortfalls. Prior to July 1, 2002, authorized funding for State Senior Center Outreach and State Senior Center General Purpose funding was \$365,316 and \$1,000,000, respectively. As you know, reductions in SFY 02-03 state appropriations reduced funding for Senior Center Outreach to \$100,000 and State Senior Center General Purpose to \$862,316.

The 2003 General Assembly appropriated an additional \$100,000 for senior centers for each year of the 2003-05 biennium. The Division has decided to allocate the additional state appropriation plus \$22,000 in unspent state senior center funds to General Purpose funding. Therefore, SFY 03-04 Senior Center Outreach funding will remain at \$100,000 and General Purpose funding will increase to \$984,316. **The General Assembly made another significant change to the funding. It has increased the local match for this funding source from 10% to 25% but the match can be cash or in-kind.** Based on this requirement, total funding is as follows:

	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Total</u>
Senior Center Outreach	\$100,000	\$33,337	\$133,337
Senior Center General Purpose	\$984,316	\$328,105	\$1,312,421

It will be allocated to the Area Agencies on Aging for distribution to the centers in your regions which you have determined provide full-time programs or will utilize this funding to develop full-time programs. The Division asks that you again provide this funding to the same centers that received it last year with a couple of exceptions which have been discussed with the Area Agencies concerned. [A directory is attached to this letter containing the appropriation that each center should receive]. Over the past five years, the Division of Aging has worked to develop a statewide certification process for senior centers. An intent of the certification process was to increase the base funding for those who have successfully completed the process. This ensures that funding is being well spent on readily identifiable programs and services and provides an incentive for centers that make investments to meet certification requirements. Therefore, in

order to provide an incentive to work toward certification, and to reward those who achieve it, the Division is again funding senior centers, equally, based upon their certification status. The objectives for this year as in the past are to:

- Allocate funding equally to every center, based upon certification status;
- Require documentation and accountability for the use of funding, and;
- Provide incentives for centers to improve themselves through certification.

The annual appropriation will again be divided into *shares* based on the total number of senior centers as determined by Area Agencies on Aging plus extra share portions for each senior center which has been certified through June 30, 2003. Uncertified, identified centers will receive one share, equal to \$5,807 or \$5,808. Centers of Merit will receive an additional one quarter share [\$7,259] and Centers of Excellence, an additional one half share [\$8,711].

For SFY 03-04, 156 existing and developing centers will receive funding. One hundred twenty-four (124) of these centers are uncertified. Therefore the first 16 uncertified centers in the directory will receive \$5,808 and the remaining 108 uncertified centers will receive \$5,807. ***This year all funding requires a 25% local match.***

	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Total</u>
Uncertified Centers, #1-16 [in directory]	\$5,808	\$1,936	\$7,744
Uncertified Centers [the remainder]	\$5,807	\$1,936	\$7,743
Centers of Merit	\$7,259	\$2,420	\$9,679
Centers of Excellence	\$8,711	\$2,904	\$11,615

The local matching resources for this funding must not be used to match any other state or federal funding that the agency may receive. *The local match may be in the form of cash and/or in-kind and must directly support the purpose for which the funds are being used.* Senior Center networks receiving funding for more than (1) center are expected to expend funds designated for each center, unless a different expenditure arrangement is approved by the Division.

The 22 Centers of Excellence are as follows:

Ashe County Senior Center, West Jefferson
Caldwell Senior Center, Lenoir
Chatham County Senior Center, Pittsboro
Cleveland County Senior Center, Shelby
Davidson County Senior Center, Lexington
Davidson County Senior Center, Thomasville
Duke Street Senior Center, Durham
Eastern Wake Senior Center, Wendell
Franklinton Senior Center, Franklin County
Garland Senior Center, Sampson County, Garland
Greensboro Senior Center, Guilford County
Harvest House, Buncombe County, Asheville
Heritage Place, Pender County, Burgaw
Lois B. Harrill Senior Center, Watauga County, Boone
Louisburg Senior Center, Franklin County
Morganton-Burke Senior Center, Burke County, Morganton
New Hanover County Senior Center, Wilmington

Northern Wake Senior Center, Wake Forest
Onslow County Senior Center, Jacksonville
Ruffy-Holmes Senior Center, Rowan County, Salisbury
Whitaker Mill Senior Center, Wake County, Raleigh
Whiteville Senior Center, Columbus County, Whiteville

The 10 Centers of Merit are as follows:

Benson Senior Center, Johnston County, Benson
Clayton Senior Center, Johnston County, Clayton
Hope Mills Senior Center, Cumberland County, Hope Mills
Iredell County Senior Center, Statesville
Kernersville Shepherd's Center, Forsyth County
Person county Senior Center, Roxboro
Rockingham Center for Active Retirement, Wentworth
Sammy Williams Senior Center Henderson County, Hendersonville
Spring Lake Senior Center, Cumberland County
Troy-Montgomery Senior Center, Montgomery County, Troy

The funding will be entered into ARMS as senior center general purpose funding service code 176, fund source code 7.

You have already received notice regarding the Senior Center Outreach funding referenced in DOA Administrative Letter No.03-9, dated July 11,2003. Regions A-L will receive \$5,882 and Regions M-R will receive \$5,883. A 25% local match of \$1,961 is required.

The Division will soon be revising the SFY 03-04 NGAs to reflect this funding and this funding should be ready for disbursement by mid-August. A sample proposal packet is available for both Senior Center General Purpose and Outreach from the Division if you want a copy or you may use your own.

If you have any questions, please call Reggie Durham, Judy Smith, Steve Freedman, or Gary Cyrus at 919-733-0440.

Thank you.